CHAPTER IV—ADMINISTRATION OF LAND

(i) Land Revenue

Material Prosperity of the people.

458. Rainfall during the year was generally good in all the Districts of the State except Kolar, Mysore, Hassan and Chikmagalur Districts where it was less than the previous years. Except for these areas, in other areas both wet and dry crops were good. The market was well supplied and food grains were available in open market in sufficient quantities.

459. The health of men and cattle was generally good except for prevalence of small-pox and cholera in some parts of the taluks of Chitaldrug, Holalkere, Challakere and Molakalmuru and plague in some parts of Kolar District which was checked by the timely action by the Department of Public Health.

460. Owing to prevalence of good prices, the ryots and merchant classes prospered well. The labour classes were also well off, as they found sufficient employment. The condition of the middle classes however remained the same, and showed no substantial change for the better. On the whole the seasonal conditions were good and the economic condition of the people was satisfactory.

Distress relief.

461. There was no distress in any part of the State in the year 1955-56, except in some parts of Mysore, Mandya and Kolar Districts.

462. Six taluks of Mysore District and parts of Mandya District developed scarcity conditions from the month of May 1956 and due to failure of monsoons and relief measures such as starting of relief works, fodder supply and gratuitous relief were taken up. Besides the normal budget allotment of Rs. 1,32,000 to Mysore and Rs. 10,000 to Mandya District, special allotment of Rs. 10,00,000 was sanctioned to Mysore District exclusively for relief measures. All these allotments were made before the end of June 1956. In addition to these allotments, rice was made available at three seers a rupee in the affected areas. The conditions had not been improved at the end of the year.

463. There was difficulty for drinking water, both for men and cattle, in some parts of Kolar District. One hundred

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and eighty-five temporary well works were therefore started at an estimated cost of Rs. 38,554-9-0 and a sum of Rs. 10,022-10-0 was spent during the year.

Special measures sanctioned to ameliorate the conditions of the Agriculturists and concession shown to them during the year.

464. The Scheme of granting subsidy for sinking irrigation well sanctioned in Government Order dated 12th March 1946 and continued from time to time was in force during the year. Owing to prevalence of distress conditions in certain parts of Mysore District as a result of the failure of the rains during the year several relief measures were adopted to alleviate the conditions of the people in the affected areas and sufficient funds were sanctioned for the purpose. A sum of Rs. 25,000 was also made available from the Prime Minister's Relief Funds for affording relief to the sufferers.

465. Special allotment in addition to payment of cash compensation was given to Channagiri, Bhadravathi and Shimoga taluks for granting land improvement loans to the agriculturists whose lands had been damaged as a result of heavy rains in May 1955.

466. Ameliorative measures for the displaced persons under the Tungabhadra Project were continued in Bellary District during the year.

Emigration and immigration.

467. There was no unusual movement of labour either within or from and into the districts during the year. It is reported that the usual influx of coolies from South Kanara and parts of Malabar for work in the coffee, rubber and tea estates as well as in areca gardens continued during the year. Labourers from Tamil Pradesh of Madras migrated in groups into Kadur and Tarikere taluks in search of employment and some of them have resided permanently. There was immigration of labour into Shimoga District from South Kanara, Malabar, Andhra, Bombay and Hyderabad, as big schemes such as Bhadra Reservoir Project, Bhadra Left and Right Bank Channels were in progress.

Alienation of lands.

468. A total extent of 490 acres 12½ guntas of land with an assessment of Rs. 344-15-10 was alienated during the year as against 718 acres and 36¾ guntas of land with an assessment of Rs. 503-12-0 alienated during the previous year.

Amrit Mahal Kaval Lands.

469. An extent of 90,721 acres 37 guntas was available for cultivation at the beginning of the year and an extent of 806 acres 11 guntas of Kaval land were surrendered making a total of 91,528 acres 8 guntas. Out of this, an extent of 8,606 acres 20 guntas has been disposed of leaving a balance of 82,901 acres 28 guntas of land at the end of the year. A sum of Rs. 16,706-9-3 was realised by the disposal of the land, the assessment levied being Rs. 5,133-2-6.

Date reserve land.

470. An extent of 1,28,031 acres 39 guntas of land was available for cultivation at the beginning of the year and an extent of 627 acres and 4 guntas was released during the year making a total of 1,28,659 acres 3 guntas. Out of this, an extent of 8,255 acres 11 guntas of land was disposed of leaving a balance of 1,28,403 acres 32 guntas.

471. A sum of Rs. 36,309-7-6 was realised by the disposal of the said extent of land during the year and the assessment booked on these disposed of lands was Rs. 2,518-8-9.

Darkhasts.

472. The number of darkhasts pending at the beginning of the year was 9,086 and the number received was 31,782 making a total of 40,868. Out of these, 31,278 darkhasts have been disposed of leaving a balance of 9,590 at the close of the year.

473. The total extent of land disposed of during the year was 61,566 acres 6½ guntas, the amount realised being Rs. 11,56,730-12-9. The assessment levied on this extent was Rs. 74,962-12-2.

474. The total extent of land granted under the Grow More Food Rules from the beginning till the close of the scheme is 3,61,409 acres 27 guntas. Out of this, the grant in respect of 96,424 acres 20 guntas of land were cancelled for violation of the conditions of grant etc. Out of the remaining area, an extent of 79,288 acres of land has been confirmed up to the end of the year.

The area under occupation and area cropped.

475. The total area under occupation during the year was 1,03,01,468-35. The increase in area under occupation is noticeable in Bangalore, Kolar, Tumkur and Chitaldrug Districts which was due to disposal of lands under darkhast rules.

476. The net area cropped during the year was 84,76,423 acres. The increase be seen in all the districts

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except Bellary; the increase is generally due to favourable seasonal conditions during the year. The percentage of lands allowed and lie follow was high in the districts of Shimoga, Hassan and Mysore.

477. The total area cultivated with the selected crop *viz.*, paddy, ragi, horsegram, jawar, sugarcane and cotton in several districts is as follows :—

	1954-55		1955-56	
	A.	Gts.	A.	Gts.
Paddy ...	8,67,181	00	8,66,009	26
Ragi ...	19,39,316	00	19,63,335	34
Horsegram ...	8,26,723	00	8,17,515	00
Jawar ...	11,87,337	00	11,70,237	00
Sugarcane ...	63,290	00	61,764	00
Cotton ...	4,56,198	00	4,30,847	00

478. There is an increase in the case of first two crops and decrease in the case of the remaining crops.

Expansion of Cultivation under Vanivilas Sagar, Chitaldrug District.

479. The total extent of land irrigated under V. V. Sagara channels has been limited to 11,001 acres 18 guntas.

480. The total extent of land under occupation at the beginning of the year was 10,651 acres 14 guntas.

481. There were 143 Takrar Takta cases pending at the beginning of the year, and 1951 Takrar Takta cases were received during the year making a total of 1,994, out of which 610, cases were disposed of leaving a balance of 1,384 at the close of the year. The total amount booked on this account for unauthorised act was Rs. 15,394-12-2 on an aggregate extent of 1,325 acres 27 guntas as against Rs. 16,352-12-3 in the previous year.

482. *Area under Select Crops.*—The total extent under cultivation during Karthika and Vysakha were 11,680 acres and 3,256 acres respectively making a total of 14,936 acres.

Demand, collection and balance under several items.

483. The total demand including the arrears was Rs. 80,523-13-7. Out of this, a sum of Rs. 79,637-6-9 was collected leaving a balance of Rs. 5,225-3-7 as against Rs. 4,338-12-9 in the previous year.

484. No loan was sanctioned during the year. The ryots of 40 villages coming under the channel area are utilising the several concessions granted by the Government for garden cultivation. The distribution of water during the year was fair. The consultative committee is conducting meetings at frequent interval and on several points regarding the supply of water, inclusion and exclusion of lands are being discussed and action taken as per decisions arrived at. Loans for coconut cultivation in Hiriyur Taluk.

485. Since the maximum water level in the tank during the year was 118 feet, intermittent supply was allowed throughout the year.

486. The totalatchk at under Marconahalli Reservoir spreading over 30 villages is 14,063 acres 7 guntas. Out of which, 1,767 acrces 7 guntas are covered by dry belt zone area, 1,425 acres are old wet and garden lands and the remaining 10,871 acres are occupied lands. Irrigation under Marconahalli Reservoir.

487. Out of the total demand amounting to Rs. 7,50,474-15-5 as against Rs. 7,88,431-4-2 in the previous year, a sum of Rs. 1,32,159-6-9 was collected during the year including remission as against Rs. 1,22,209-4-3 in the previous year leaving a balance of Rs. 6,18,315-8-8 at the close of the year. Demand, Collection and Balance.

488. The area irrigated by the channel was 5,117 acres 10 guntas at the beginning of the year. An extent of 39 acres 27 guntas was included under the channel atchkat during the year bringing the total extent under irrigation to 5,156 acres 37 guntas at the end of the year. Cultivation under the Bhadra Right Bank channel

489. The reservoir at Anjanapura in Shikaripur Taluk with its two channels the Right Bank Channel running to a length of 20 miles and the Left Bank channel running to a length of 8¾ miles has been constructed to irrigate lands in 30 villages (Right Bank 24 and Left Bank 6 villages). During the year, there was neither decrease nor increase in the area under irrigation which was 17,113 acres and 34 guntas. Anjanapura Reservoir.

490. Four thousand, four hundred and ninety applications for a loan of Rs. 14,98,480 were dealt with during the year. Two thousand one hundred and twenty-four applications for a loan of Rs. 23,07,730 were sanctioned. One thousand forty-eight applications for a sum of Rs. 3,45,750 remained undisposed at the close of the year. Takavi Loans.

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491. The total demand for the year inclusive of the arrears of previous years amounted to Rs. 16,35,163-3-9. A sum of Rs. 7,60,049-4-9 was collected during the year leaving a balance of Rs. 8,73,116-15-0. The percentage of collection to demand was 46·5.

Land Improvement Loan.

492. Two thousand, one hundred and sixty-three applications for a sum of Rs. 28,21,485 was dealt with during the year. Eight hundred and fifty-one applications involving a sum of Rs. 3,47,415 were sanctioned and 518 applications for a sum Rs. 5,00,610 were pending at the close of the year.

493. The total demand for the year including the arrears amounted to Rs. 22,78,854-2-2. A sum of Rs. 3,92,666-4-8 was recovered leaving a balance of Rs. 18,86,187-13-6 at the close of the year. The per centage of collection to demand was 17·2.

494. The arrears outstanding were heavy in Kolar, Chitaldrug and Bellary Districts. The progress made in the collection work was poor in all the districts except Chitaldrug District.

Record of Rights.

495. The Scheme of the Land Record of Rights has been introduced into all the Government villages as well as to some of the inam villages which have been surveyed and settled. Action was taken to expedite the introduction of Record of Rights Scheme into as many inam villages as practicable.

Mutation Cases.

496. Out of 3,31,476 Mutation cases, 2,22,495 cases were disposed of leaving a balance of 1,08,981 cases at the end of the year. Out of a total demand of Rs. 6,12,430 under Mutation fees, a sum of Rs. 3,48,955 was collected leaving a balance of Rs. 2,63,475 at the close of the year.

Hissa fees.

497. There was a total demand of Rs. 3,86,738, of which Rs. 50,194 were collected leaving a balance of Rs. 3,36,534.

Inspection of Boundary Marks.

498. During the year, 16,53,633 boundary markes were inspected by the Amildar and the Revenue Inspectors as against 19,21,109 in the preceding year. Fifty-nine thousand, two hundred and four boundary marks were found missing or in a state of disrepair and out of these, 26,859 were set right by the occupants concerned. In 700

cases, the liability of the defaulting ryots to make good the cost of repairs was enforced and a sum of Rs. 427-8-0 was recovered.

499. All the frontier boundary marks in the State were inspected by the respective Revenue Officers at the time of Taluk Jamabandy as well as during the course of their normal tours. The Sub-Division Officers also inspected some of them during Huzur Jamabandy and inspection tours. All the boundary marks are reported to be in good condition. Frontier Boundary Marks.

500. There were in all 2,696 major and 21,007 minor tanks in the State during the year. Tanks.

501. The number of major and minor tanks in need of urgent repairs was 297 and 1,285 respectively.

(ii) Occupied Area and Tenure

502. The total recorded area of the State was 2,13,24,460 acres. Deducting the extent of 13,35,955 acres covered by alienated villages, and 89,50,759 acres consisting of minor inams, forests and uncultivable waste which were not available for cultivation, a net extent of 1,10,37,745 acres was available for cultivation.

503. The net area cropped during the year was 86,23,319 acres.

504. The number of registered ryotwari holdings in the State was 14,16,055 with a total extent in holding of 1,02,13,175 acres and 37 guntas.

(iii) Transfer of Lands

505. There were 12,632 transfers of land by the order of Courts, Civil and Revenue involving an extent of 2,05,819 acres and 26 guntas.

506. Transfers by private contracts and mortgages were 1,48,044 in number involving an extent of 3,41,647 acres and 30 guntas.

(iv) Agricultural Labour and Wages

507. Except in the case of Hassan and Bellary where a slight rise was reported, the wages rate for both skilled and